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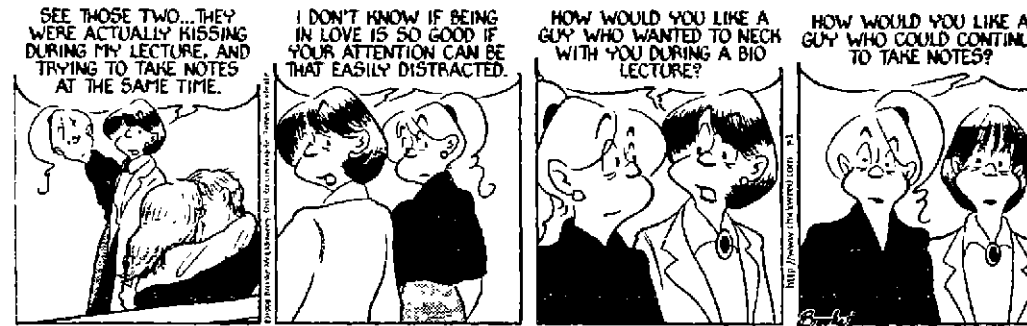
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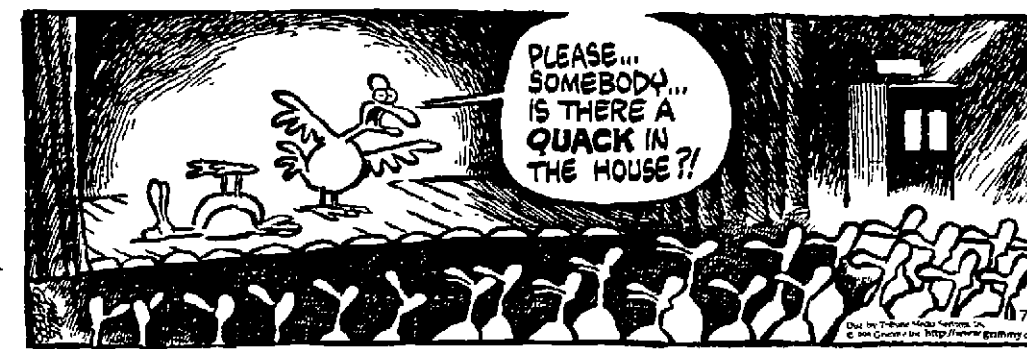
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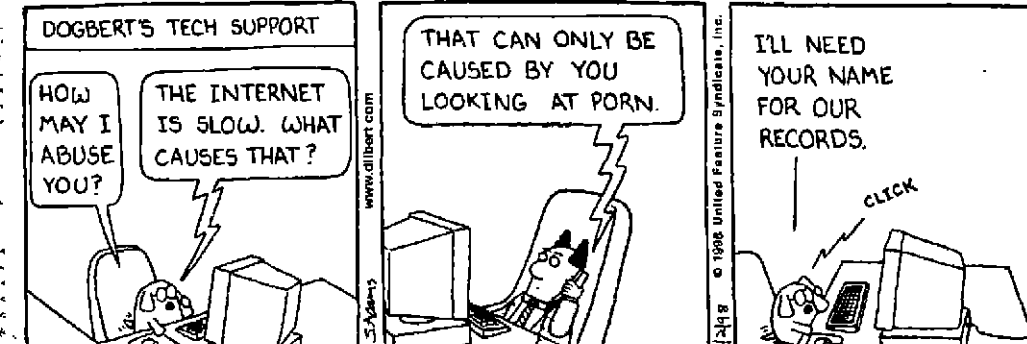
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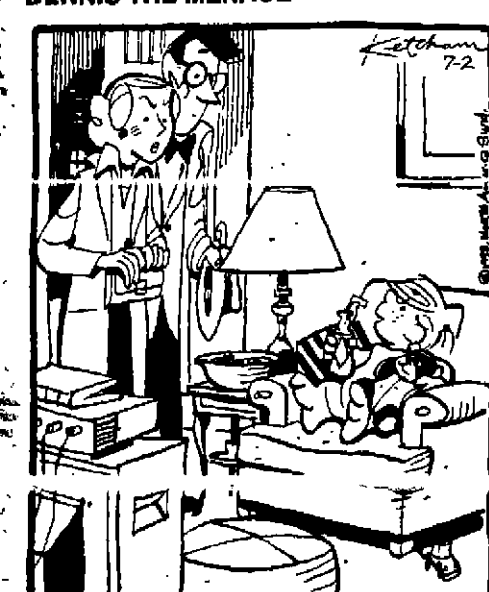
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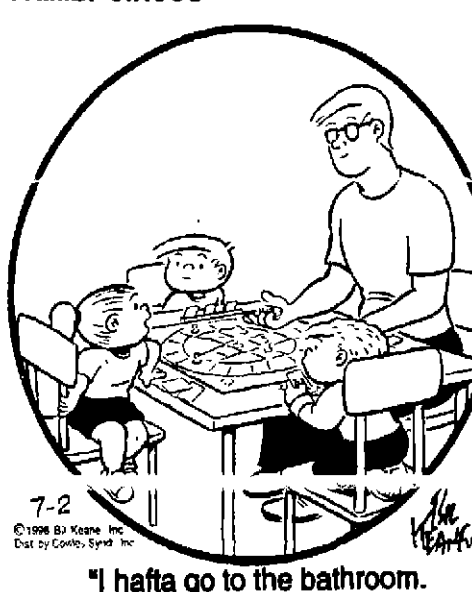
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, July 3, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you find yourself being passed, make sure you're going in the right direction.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There is a lot of positive energy currently surrounding your career.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is first and foremost on your mind. You also are feeling creative, so try to discover a new outlet.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although you're dying for some quiet time at home, first you need to make it through a tough schedule.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Should you choose to throw a soiree, you're likely to be surprised by how many people attend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are feeling indecisive, but a partner or friend has strong opinions. Try to find a quiet place and time to talk things over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's an excellent time for socializing, so surround yourself with good friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're being called upon to captain a ship, but you can barely find your way on deck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't be afraid to ask a favor from a friend or a lover, who is bound to be willing to help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Stop trying to network; buff up on your knowledge instead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You aren't feeling particularly productive until a chat with a co-worker inspires you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Caring for a loved one gives you a deep sense of satisfaction. Avoid starting new projects.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

know the type; every club has one. He'd much rather succeed by fleeing an opponent than by pursuing a legitimate line of play. Fortunately, he got exactly what he deserved. West led his fourth-best club, and dummy's singleton king went to East's ace. East returned his trey, and South won his queen, correctly diagnosing that clubs were 4-4. With problems involving the blocked diamonds and the lack of a second dummy entry, South chose to resort to flimflam. He led a cagey diamond jack, expecting to hold the trick. No such luck. West won, and the defenders took two clubs and shifted to hearts. South now could no longer bring in dummy's long suits and was lucky to escape with one down. Had South been less glib, he could have cinched his game. After winning his club queen, he should have cashed his top spades and led his diamonds from the top—first the ace, then the queen (or the jack). After West wins the second diamond, the defense can cash two clubs, but the heart switch does no harm. Dummy wins, and South cashes dummy's spades to jettison his blocking diamond honor. This limits the defenders to only three clubs and a diamond, giving South his game and rubber. Subterfuge has its place in bridge, but not when straight shooting gets better results.

NORTH 07-02 A
 ♠ Q J 7 2
 ♥ A J 5
 ♦ 10 9 8 7 6
 ♣ K

EAST
 ♠ 10 8 6
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ 5 4 2
 ♣ A 10 6 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A K
 ♥ 10 6 3 2
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ Q 7 5 4

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Club deuce
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BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Tuesday morning, first, Millie Albrigo, Doug Lyon; second, Sarah Fiorito, Julie Sunser; Saturday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Bill Pennington; second, Millie Albrigo, MaryAnne Ruff.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Peter Leonelli, B. Barrington; second, Paul Peters, Judy Zatony; Sunday evening, first, Michael Walsh, Judy Bailey; second/third, Richard Hartz, Gary Philips; Peter Leonelli, John Chappell; Monday morning, first, Joe Conrad, Doug Lyon; second, Bob Price, Bob Tucker; Monday evening, first, Bob Garwood, Dennis Cleary; second/third, Murray Hall, John DeMaria; Dale Swift; Tuesday evening, first, Sharlene Kostich, Dale Swift; second, Mary Lou Famulare, Gary Simonetta; Wednesday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Bob Garwood; second/third, Carmen Swenson, Judy Everts; Don Paulus, Arlene Rainone; Thursday Morning Teaching Game, 1 NS, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers, 2 NS, Debi Belanger, Sheila Cornford; 1 EW, Ginny Cluse, Peg Raus; 2 EW, Marie-Louise T. fany, Alma Leech; Thursday evening, first, Doug Lyon, Sharlene Kostich; second, Cameron Ross, Bill Barrington; Friday morning, first, Joe Conrad, Bob Price; second, Don Paulus, Allene Huntley; Friday evening, first, Doug Lyon, C. nelia Yoder; second, Mark Bowick, Josh Donn.

Concord: 1 NS, Bernie Dropcho, Sandee Dropcho; 2 NS, Dale Swift, Anna Timell; 1 EW, Bernie Gorkin, Mary Gorkin; 2 EW, Fran McCarthy, Don Rich.

Lafayette Country Club: 1 NS, Jeanne Jevy, Eileen Way; 2 NS, Lois Meyer, Marcia Rothschild, 1 EW, Shirley Doroff, Ivy Besdin; 2 EW, Joan Hoffman, Joan Rubenstein.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Dot Joiner, Mary Gorkin; 2 NS, Helene Gove, Betty Burns; 1 EW, Fran McCarthy, Dale Swift; 2 EW, Joan Liddle, Alberta McCormick.

Stonehedge: 1 NS, Barb Eveleigh, Sally Wright; 2 NS, J. Hackbarth, Ruth Richner; 1 EW, Cio Morris, Mildred Wells; 2 EW, Rosemary Dunn, Hannah Dushay.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, 1 NS, Gerry R. way, Annie O'Brien; 2 NS, Anne Simon, Virginia Garrett; 1 EW, Joan Noll, Bernie Gorkin; 2 EW, Howard Johndrow, Larry Wafu; Thursday afternoon, 1 NS, Anne Divers, L. Dis tin; second/third, Milt Rosenblum, Judy Zatony; Ronnie Capraro, Joan Liddle; 1 EW, Ann Scharmach, Carol Neuburg; second/third, Mary Ann Finn, Barb Sharp; Dale Swift, Fran McCarthy; Thursday evening, first, Don Paulus, J. Hileman; second, Dorothy Eveleigh, Joe Conrad; Friday evening, first, Rosemary Dunn, Judy Butcher; second, Bill Bremer, Barb Eveleigh.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge results.

WORD SLEUTH

Boston marathon women's open winners

W J G C Z W T O N J G D A X U
 R O L I G H D A X V S P N K I
 F C W A X V C S Q O L J H E C
 A K R I S T I A N S E N X V R
 T T R P N N L V B J H F D T E
 B Y I X V T T O E N R P N T L
 O M K O I G E K O E E A D I L
 B Z X W N U S R R T M D F R O
 R Q O U A E R A G R N N I R M
 L J I G T A B M O T A F D E C
 A Y X A B O R G I P P I P M W

Wednesday's unlisted clue: PILOT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: PORTUGAL'S ROSA —

Barron Kristiansen Panfil Teske
 Benoit Markova Pippig Weidenbach
 Gareau Merritt Roba Winter
 Gorman Moller Roe

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0521

ACROSS

- 1 Bas-relief medium
 6 Big name in plastic
 10 Lean
 14 Sea shades
 15 Minds' I's?
 16 Home health worker
 17 Chewy olives?
 20 Carry on
 21 English estate owner, maybe
 22 Weasel in brown
 23 Olin and Home
 25 Tommy who sang "Dizzy," 1969
 26 Bakery olives?
 33 It's the law
 35 In reverse

- 36 Word on a U.S. coin
 37 Make smocking, e.g.
 39 Hump-shouldered animal
 40 Noted cow name
 41 Rake part
 42 Rolls filler
 44 Relative of -ian
 45 Olives for actress Cartwright?
 48 Veto
 49 Jousting bouts
 51 Turn on the dramatics
 54 Prescription particular
 57 Resound
 59 Bring an olio to a dance?

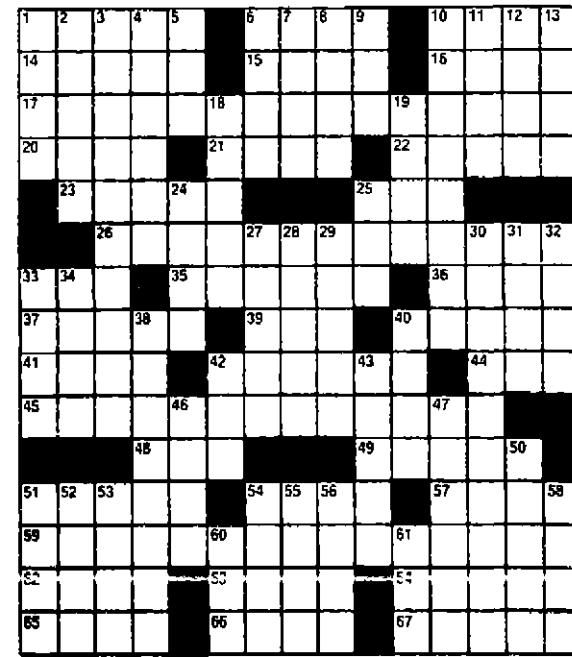
- 62 Winter Palace dweller
 63 Org in nights fights
 64 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Charleston
 65 Slangy greetings
 66 Chinese idol
 67 Extremely

DOWN

- 1 Ten of "Dumb & Dumber"
 2 Full partner
 3 Overthrowing
 4 Belgian airline
 5 Sugar suffix
 6 Star of Lyra
 7 Dr. Frankenstein's assistant
 8 Popular music category
 9 Communication for the deaf: Abbr.
 10 Esthetic
 11 Ritz rival
 12 Fancy
 13 Home tweet home?
 14 Do a lawn job
 15 Starling
 24 The People's Choice? historian Herbert
 27 Prods
 28 State's rights amendment to the Constitution

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

GOLFS TSGT WESS
 ASYLA YEAR OCTA
 SHOOT RISE COIT
 HANKYPANKY ULNA
 RANEE VISGN
 MASH UNSTRAP
 AUTOPSY SALOONS
 HAGGARD SITUATE
 ENSURED SYST
 TEMPT DEALS
 OLIO HENNYPENNY
 TEND ASECE ELIDE
 AGOG HUGE ALCAN
 LYRE APES REEKS



Puzzle by Cathy Ninkovic

- 29 Spanish actress Carmen
 30 Assertiveness
 31 Soir follower
 32 Bob Hoskins's role in "Hook"
 33 Hammett
 34 Gym exercise
 35 Inputs anew
 36 For all grades, as textbooks
 37 Bellum antithesis
 38 Bone: Prefix
 46 Inventions, so to speak
 47 Fort Bliss site
 50 "Cosmos" creator
 51 Write permanently
 52 Daedalian
 53 Go-ahead
 54 Eté's forte
 55 Wise ones
 56 Apt male names for this puzzle
 58 Baron's title
 60 Mahat

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